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SUBJ: CONTACTS WITH SOVIET DIPLOMATS

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1. IN VIEW CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOVIET AND U.S. DELEGATIONS DURING SALT SESSIONS HERE AND SUBSEQUENTLY DURING 7-MONTH MPT AND CSCE MINISTERIAL MEETING, RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET AND U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN BASED ON FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION.

2. BOTH MY INITIAL CALL ON SOVIET AMB MALTSEV AND HIS RETURN CALL ON ME WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY TOASTS TO IMPROVED U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AS REFLECTED FROM NIXON-BREZHNEV WASHINGTON VISIT AND MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE ARE COOPERATING. GROMYKO LUNCH AT SOVIET EMBASSY FOR SECRETARY ROGERS ON JULY 7 CARRIED SAME CORDIALITY. PRIOR TO LUNCMAMRS. KREHBIEL AND I RECEIVED LARGE PALACH BOX FROM FONMIN AND MRS. GROMYKO WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGED APPROPRIATELY. DCM HAS RECEIVED TICKETS TO PERFORMANCES OF VISITING RUSSIAN BALLET GROUPS FROM HIS SOVIET COUNTER-PART.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS ON LOW-KEY BASIS. FROM WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE, SOVIET EMBASSY PLANS CONTINUE LIKE APPROACH WITH US.

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